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SUBJECT: AFL-CIO STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR CANAL ZONE LABOR

1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY AL ZACK, AFL-CIO PRESS
OFFICE AT THAT ORGANIZATION'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MEETING IN BAL HARBOR, FLORIDA, APPEARED IN PANAMA
"STAR AND HERALD" FOR FEBRUARY 28: BEGIN QUOTE.
" ON AUGUST 30, THIS COUNCIL ENDORSED THE PANAMA CANAL
TREATIES AS 'A JUST AND ENDURING BASIS FOR HARMONY
IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE'. WE REAFFIRM OUR SUPPORT
FOR THESE TREATIES AND CALL UPON THE SENATE TO RATIFY THEM
WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY.

"OUR SUPPORT WAS AND IS BASED ON EQUITABLE TREATMENT AND
PROTECTION OF ALL WORKERS IN THE CANAL ZONE WHO MUST
NOT BE CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE AND VICTIMIZED AS
A RESULT OF THEIR GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY.

" IN KEEPING WITH THE TREATY PROVISIONS REQUIRING
PROTECTION FOR THE JOB RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF U.S.
CITIZENS EMPLOYED IN THE CANAL ZONE, THE GOVERNMENT
HAS ESTABLISHED AN OUTPLACEMENT SERVICE FOR THESE
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EMPLOYEES FACED WITH VOLUNATRY OR INVOLUNTARY SEPARATIONS
FROM THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS.

"THIS IS A GOOD STEP TOWARD MEETING THE GOVERNMENT'S
OBLIGATION TO THESE CITIZENS, BUT NOW MORE MUST BE
DONE. THE ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
SHOULD PROMPTLY DEVELOP, IN CONCERT WITH THE UNIONS

REPRESENTING CANAL ZONE WORKERS, PROVISIONS
FOR FULL AND COMPLETE PROTECTION OF THEIR JOB RIGHTS
AND BENEFITS OF ALL THESE WORKERS." END QUOTE.

2. "STAR AND HERALD" REPORTED THAT FOREGOING STATEMENT
WAS RELEASED HERE BY CANAL ZONE CENTRAL LABOR UNION-
METAL TRADES COUNCIL. SPANISH-LANGUAGE PRESS DID
NOT MENTION THE STATEMENT ON FEBRUARY 28.
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